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U.S. Forward Operating Location Volunteers Help Better the Community

Nine U.S. FOL's 429 EOS Security Forces and 429 EOS Command Staff members donated their time to the Curaçao community on December 2, 2010. These individuals spent an entire morning finishing a paint project for the Friends of Christ Community Church. After the project was completed, Emma Eman, co-director of the community church commented, "This was such a blessing, Thank you very much!"



In a second project on December 16, the Commander of the 429 EOS joined a team of tankers and police in assisting with painting several rooms at the Meant to Shine Community Center. In addition to painting, members who volunteered also assembled a picnic bench and provided insight on future projects in renovating the facility.



CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO THE CURACAO COMMUNITY

The Angel Tree Project led by a U.S. FOL's 429 EOS Security Force member began on December 7, 2010, with a simple objective. Angel cutouts were designed and then used to decorate the Command Staff Christmas tree. Each cutout had the name of a young child from the Meant to Shine Community Center and Siloam orphanage. As personnel of the 429 EOS removed a cutout angel, the next part of the mission was to purchase a toy for the specific gender and age of each child or simply leave a \$20 donation. After each angel was collected, several members of Security Forces personnel delivered the presents to the smiles and cheers of local community kids on December 22-23.





A second Security Forces member spearheaded an endeavor which would give school children from the Siloam orphanage another Christmas gift. She raised funds and collected the names of each school age child from Siloam. On December 23, accompanied by other

members of her team, she brought smiles to 13 children outfitting them with new shoes. In addition, this member of the Security Forces represented the FOL in presenting Siloam with a cash donation to be used to support the orphanage.



The U.S. FOL, 429th Expeditionary Operations Squadron, supports multinational aircraft operations that conduct detection, monitoring and tracking missions supporting counter-drug efforts in the region. USFOL Curaçao was formed as a result of an agreement between the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the United States whereby aircraft and crews deploy to the USFOL on a temporary basis to conduct mission operations. USFOL military and civilian personnel often volunteer their services in support of community projects and are pleased to partner with local agencies in reaching out to the people of Curaçao.

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